Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter #600

October 12, 2006

Subject

Reexamination of Cases Where Human Immunodeficiency Virus Was Involved in the Final Disability Decision

Effective Date

Upon receipt

Reference

ACWDL 06-22

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding a change in the reexamination process for cases with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) involvement.

Background

Federal regulations exempt HIV cases from Social Security's Continuing Disability Review process. Based on these federal regulations, State Programs-Disability and Adult Programs Division (SP-DAPD) will also exempt these cases from their reexamination process. This change will affect all HIV disability determinations that have been allowed since January 1, 1991.

Changes

SP-DAPD will notate on the MC 221R (Disability Determination and Transmittal Form) that the case will be exempt from the reexamination process until further notice.

Required Action

Workers must notate in the case comments that no reexamination is required. Workers should be sure to complete the disability information with the Diagnosis of HIV so that the case can be identified later should the regulations change.

Automation Impact

Workers must enter either "HIV-Not Presumptive" or "HIV-Presumptive" in the "Diagnosis" field on the Collect Diagnosis Detail window from the Collect Disability/Medical Conditions Detail window.

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Forms Impact

No impact.

Quality Assurance Impact

Effective with the November 2006 sample month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the requirements of this letter.

Summary of Change

The table below shows the changes that were made to the MPG material.

| Article | Change |
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| Article 5, Section 4 | Provided revised instructions for reexamination |
| | cases in which HIV was involved. |

Filing Instructions

The table below shows how to file the MPG material.

| Action | Pages |
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| Remove | Article 5-4-27 through Article 5-4-30 |
| Replace | Article 5-4-27 through Article 5-4-30 |

Important Notice

The MPG is available in its entirety on the County Intranet by accessing http://hhsa_intranet/manuals/mpg/index.html. The MPG revisions listed in this letter will be entered into the Intranet MPG at the next update.

Manager Approval

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